



COVID REQUIREMENTS – ZAMBIA / ZIMBABWE / BOTSWANA AND TESTING FOR DEPARTURE FROM ZAMBIA – WHEN REQUIRED

Travellers to Zambia are encouraged to be fully vaccinated but this is not compulsory.

COVID infection rates remain very low in Zambia

While restrictions are easing and travel is opening up again, it is important for The River Club to know guest vaccination status in advance. Whether guests are vaccinated or not matters not one whit to The River Club, however, knowing status assists us to pre-plan logistics if re-testing is necessary. This ensures the stay-itinerary goes ahead on the day without last minute glitches.

GENERAL PROTOCOLS FOR ZAMBIA

- Regardless of vaccination status, you are required to complete a health declaration form and undergo thermo-scanning.
- If you enter Zambia with a body temperature equal to, or above 38.0 C you will be tested for COVID-19 at your expense on arrival, and be required to isolate at the place you are staying (home or lodge) until your test results are known.
- All visitors to Zambia are required to adhere to the prescribed COVID-19 public health measures, summed up as follows:

i) Mask-up in public places and during vehicle transfers	iii) Maintain physical distance protocols in public
ii) Frequently wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser	iv) Avoid crowded places
	v) Seek medical attention early if feeling unwell

IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED

If you are fully vaccinated, you can enter Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana without providing a COVID-19 negative PCR test certificate

- Fully vaccinated means complete doses of a vaccine.
- You must present hard-copy proof to qualify as fully vaccinated.
- Preferably vaccination records should have a QR code on them.

BOTSWANA – IMPORTANT EXCEPTION TO THE PCR CERTIFICATE RULE

- Should you not have a vaccination certificate a PCR-negative test certificate will NOT be accepted.
- Unvaccinated visitors will be swabbed on entry and the swabs sent to the nearest lab for PCR testing.
- Cost is BWP 500 per person.
- Visitors may continue with their plans until the test results are known. This includes those on day trips into Chobe National Park. Their results will be given to them on return to the border.
- If results are positive, visitors staying longer will be required to quarantine for 5-days at own cost.
- Children aged 11 and under do not need to be vaccinated and will be given a free pass at the border.

IF YOU ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED

- To enter ZAMBIA: you need a negative PCR test certificate done within 72 hours prior to arrival.
- To enter ZIMBABWE: you need a negative PCR test certificate done within 48-hours prior to arrival.
- To enter BOTSWANNA: see section above – a negative PCR test certificate will not be accepted.
- Please also check your airline's guidelines carefully when arranging your tests.

CHILDREN ENTERING ZAMBIA / ZIMBABWE / BOTSWANA

- Children aged 11 and under are exempt from the requirement to provide a PCR COVID-19 test or proof of vaccination.

COVID PCR and ANTIGEN TESTING IN LIVINGSTONE

PLEASE NOTE THE RIVER CLUB FACILITATES TESTING ONLY FOR THE RIVER CLUB GUESTS

The River Club uses a private medical clinic situated close to the Livingstone CBD. The clinic has its own testing lab and their service is efficient, reliable and available 24/7. The now also offer Antigen testing with certificates approved as for PCR tests.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guests pay the clinic <u>DIRECT</u> using a Master or Visa card. ○ The charge is in ZMW (Zambian Kwacha). the card holders' bank converts to the card currency at the banks' rate of exchange prevailing at the time. • TIMING IS FLEXIBLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transfer to the clinic for swabbing is usually arranged in combination with an existing trip to an activity. ○ Passports need to be shown at time of swabbing. • COSTS FOR PCR TESTING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ZMW 1, 600 per test – lab results ready in 6-hours ○ ZMW 1, 800 per test – lab results ready in 3-hours ○ ZMW 2, 000 per test – lab results in less than 3-hours • COSTS FOR PRIVATE SWABBING at the lodge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ZMW 250 is the call-out fee added to the cost of each test. • COSTS FOR ANTIGEN TESTING – with certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ZMW 850 per test – results and certificate +/- 1-hour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFRICA CDC TRUSTED TRAVEL ONLINE PORTAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For guests travelling to any country EXCEPT Zimbabwe, certificates will be uploaded on the lodge Ops online portal and printed at the lodge. ○ For guests travelling to Zimbabwe, whether transiting or staying over, a Zambia Ministry of Health certificate is required in addition to the PCR certificate. This adds another layer of time required so when departure is to Zimbabwe, it's essential the lodge ops team knows in advance. ○ PLEASE NOTE: Zimbabwe requires COVID-Negative test certificates done no more than <u>48-hours</u> prior. • ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR SPECIAL LOGISTICS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mostly guests are taken for swabbing during an activity outing in order to save transfer costs. ○ When this is not possible, and special transfers are needed for swabbing or, for those travelling to Zimbabwe, for certificate collection, <u>USD 20</u> per trip will be charged at the lodge. |
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COVID-TESTING for Children

- Children under the age of 11 do not require COVID-negative certificates to enter Zambia.
- If required, children from the age of 5 upwards can be tested in Zambia.